

Minutes of the June 1, 2008 SYS Board Meeting

Present: Ron W., Roy P., Keith B., Kevin R., Jay McQ., Kim O. Bob P., Ken O., Greg A., Allen J., Ken W., Mindy H., Jim R., Jim E., Bob B., Rachel B., Lisa M., Andrea B., John C., Bob G.

The meeting began at 7:10 PM.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Fall Registration (Bob P.) — There are about 1100 registered. This is 200 to 300 less than we had at the same time last year. We expect more minis to sign up. For U-10s and up, all registrations should now go through the appropriate AGC.

Comments on first day of tryouts—Jim R. said that too little time was allocated to kids who were interested in being keepers. Ron W. said we should have such kids wear green pinnies instead of yellow so they can be easily identified by the evaluators. Roy P. wondered if we should add 15 min. to the tryouts to ensure there is enough time to evaluate keepers. We decided to see how the rest of the tryouts go.

Ron said that the overall impression on parents is a good one because the evaluators are unbiased. It was remarked how important the coaches' evaluations of their players are. AGCs need to make concerted efforts to get these evaluations from their coaches.

Trophies (Lisa M.) Trophies for U-5s and for U-6s have been picked up. Trophies for U-7s and for U-8s will be ready this coming Wed.

Equipment (Ken O.)—Ken will order replacement nets for at least four U-10 goals and will order 20 flags. The top of the large nets at the Foundation need to be reattached to the frames. There was some discussion about how to get equipment returned, especially from the mini coaches. We can ask them to leave their stuff at the snack shack after their last game at Municipal. If their last game is at Glavin, they can leave their stuff at the kiosk.

Fields (Keith B.)—Glavin fields will be mowed 2 x per week for the next two weeks. The Glavin fields were aerated and fertilized last week, as was the Floral field. Grass will be trimmed around all the fences this month.

Field take down—We will start on Sat., 6/21, at 9 AM at the Foundation. We'll need a couple of pick-up trucks to haul nets to the storage shed. If no MAYS play-offs are held at Glavin, we'll be able to take down Glavin as well.

There was considerable discussion about who should coach the Div. 1 and Div. 2 teams for the various age groups in the Fall. Included in this discuss was the uncertainty about the number of Div 1 teams there will be in some of the age groups. In the end, the board went along with the AGCs recommendations in every case. The coaches' names will be announced later. There is a serious shortage of volunteers to coach the GU-10s.

The date for informing players of their team assignments will be 7/15. It was decided to send the messages by e-mail, rather than by snail mail. Parents will be asked to confirm by email that they received the message. AGCs will contact any family who hasn't responded by 7/20.

At this point in the meeting the mini coordinators left for a separate meeting with Bob P. and John C.

Before leaving John C. said that the number of page views in April and May were 44,000 plus per month. This is about twice what it was last year. John said he encourages board members to let

him know what they'd like to see on the web site. He's working on an on-line volunteer sign-up sheet, having an extensive on-line photo gallery, having a description of where SYS teams play in the fall and in the spring, and establishing an on-line store for SYS merchandise. This last item will need board approval since it will involve some expense.

Revolution Tickets (Lisa M.)—Lisa has some tickets for the David Beckham game. There was some discussion about how to get rid of these. In the end it was left to Lisa's discretion. We might ask a Revolution player to show up at the end of the summer camp.

So far, only five teams have signed up for the 3 v 3 jamboree. Let's hope some more teams sign up. Some coaches have said that June may not be a good time of year to do this.

Photos—Ken W. will work with Lisa M. in trying to change how this is done. The parameters are that photos are taken only of U-8s and younger and only in the fall.

MAYS (Bob R.)—We haven't heard anything definite about the playoff format although a few board members thought there had been an e-mail from Andy Page about this. It may be that MAYS does not need to use the Glavin fields for playoffs.

Ron suggested that Bob R. keep the AGCs informed weekly about what is going on with MAYS. There have been some problems with coaches from other towns rescheduling games that were not rained out.

Mindy H. said that the MAYS web site needs a lot of work. She's going to get John C. involved in improving the web site.

MAYS wants SYS to supply it with a board member. There are several openings on the MAYS board, including a couple of AGCs.

Glen Johnson is interested in donating some money for a memorial for his deceased son Kyle.

Perhaps we could work this into the 3 v 3 tournament in the fall.

Roy P. reported that the vouchers were well used this season.

Work has started on repairing the porch of the snack shack at Municipal.

Kim O. said that lining up volunteers to run the snack shack was a real nightmare this season. We need to come up with a system for the fall that works.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, July 7, at 6:45 PM at the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Garvey